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L. PAA OFFICIAL GALLAGHER TOLD US TODAY (NOV 12)
THAT HE HAD JUST CONFERRED WITH ESSO'S AVIATION
FUEL MANAGER AND THAT REDUCTIONS IN JET FUEL
DELIVERIES OF NO LESS THAN TWENTY PERCENT AND
PERHAPS AS HIGH AS FORTY PERCENT COULD BE EXPECTED
WITHIN THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. PAA WAS TOLD THEY
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WOULD BE GETTING FURTHER WORD BY THE MIDDLE OF THE

WEEK. GALLAGHER SAID HE HAD BEEN INFORMED LATE LAST WEEK THAT THE DUTCH REFINERY WHICH PROVIDED FIFTY PERCENT OF GERMANY'S JET FUEL CONSUMPTION HAD CEASED DELIVERIES. ESSO'S INSTALLATION IN KARLSRUHE, HOWEVER, WAS EXPECTED TO COMPENSATE FOR SOME OF THE SHORT-FALL BY DIVERTING ITS PRODUCTION-- ORDINARILY DESTINED FOR SWITZERLAND--TO END USERS IN THE FRG. GALLAGHER ADDED HIS ESSO CONTACT HAD EXPLAINED THAT HIS INABILITY TO BE MORE PRECISE RE THE LEVEL OF EXPECTED CUTBACKS STEMMED FROM CONTINUING ESSO EFFORTS TO INDUCE THE DUTCH TO PERMIT AT LEAST PARTIAL DELIVERIES OF JET FUEL.

2. DURING A SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, AN ESSO EXECUTIVE SAID (SOMEWHAT AT VARIANCE WITH THE ABOVE) THAT REDUCTIONS IN JET FUEL AVAILABILITY WOULD BE ABOUT THE SAME AS THE COMPANY'S REDUCTION IN DELIVERIES OF OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, I.E., ABOUT TWENTY PERCENT. EMBASSY ECON MIN CONTACTS HERE TOLD US THAT THE FRG FOR THE PRESENT AT LEAST, HAS NO REPEAT NO PLANS TO ISSUE GUIDELINES TO THE OIL COMPANIES ON THE SITUATION AND ENVISAGES NO FURTHER CUTBACKS THAN THOSE ALREADY SET IN TRAIN BY THE OIL COMPANIES.

3. WE WILL KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH PAN AM, ESSO AND INTERESTED FRG AGENCIES OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS IN ORDER TO KEEP ABREAST OF WHAT IS OBVIOUSLY A CONFUSED SITUATION AT THE MOMENT.
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